



WASHINGTON STATE
GAMBLING COMMISSION

Field Operation Rule Interpretation

Question: Can a house banked card room applicant begin operation without using logo cards? No

CITE: WAC 230-40-070 (1)(b)

SUMMARY

Issue:

Some new house banked card rooms find themselves in the position of not having their logo cards by the time they are approved to open. The licenses have then requested approval to begin operation using non-logo cards. This typically occurs when the cards are not ordered far enough in advance for the manufacturer to produce and ship before the desired opening date.

Reasoning:

WAC 230-40-070(a)(b) requires logo cards to be used for all house banked card games. It also requires that they are produced by a licensed manufacturer and purchased from a licensed manufacturer or distributor. Logo cards, along with rules requiring accountability of the decks, protect both the licensee and players from possible cheating.

Decision:

Logo cards must be used for all house banked card games. New licensees will not be allowed to operate until they receive their logo cards. The applicant may still be submitted to the Commission for approval of their license. Agents should notify applicants early in the review process to order their cards with sufficient lead time.

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